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King IBN SA'UD

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1. IBN SA'UD called Jamal HUSAYNI, who had been taking no part in politics and refusing to continue working with the Arab Higher Committee, to Saudi Arabia, hoping to patch things up between Jamal and the Committee. In discussing the Palestine situation, IBN SA'UD asked Jamal about possible ways of saving Palestine and said it was essential that there should be cooperation between Jamal and the Mufti. Jamal explained the mistakes of the Committee to SA'UD, said he had nothing against the Mufti but that the mistakes were those of the Mufti's followers.
2. When SA'UD asked if he wanted to become head of the Committee, Jamal agreed on condition that the Mufti tell the Arab League he has given up politics. SA'UD promised to provide funds and arms.
3. SA'UD asked about ABDALLAH's activities in Palestine, the people's reactions to these activities, and whether he had any Palestinian supporters. Jamal said ABDALLAH lost the support of the people after the last truce and the agreement to turn Arab territories over to the Jews.  
(Field note by Feam: Jamal HUSAYNI, a neighbor of Feam, returned to Beirut 22 May.)
4. The Mufti replied to the communication IBN SA'UD sent him following this meeting stating that the responsibility for the loss of Palestine rested not on himself, but on ABDALLAH and the Arab League which supported him. "I advised the Arab leaders," the Mufti said, "to refrain from supporting King ABDALLAH but my word was not heeded. I have, all this time, been prevented from engaging in politics, and I am still prevented from doing so. I ask Your Majesty to intervene with the responsible leaders to permit me to resume my activities. If you all support me, and help me with money and arms alone, I am still able to save the situation in Palestine."

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